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1 General

Incorporated in 1921, Smithers has a total land area of 15.69 square km (2006 Census). By highway the Town is 371 km west of Prince George and 350 km east of Prince Rupert. Smithers is in the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District.

2 Population Estimates

Annual Estimates

Year	Smithers	% Change Prev. Year	BC	% Change Prev. Year
2007	5,207	n/a	4,309,632	n/a
2008	5,288	1.6	4,384,047	1.7
2009	5,328	0.8	4,459,947	1.7
2010	5,407	1.5	4,529,647	1.6
2011	5,347	-1.1	4,573,321	1.0

Source: Statistics Canada (as of July 1, includes estimate of Census undercount)

Age Distribution

2011 Census

Smithers	Male	Female
All ages	2,625	2,780
0 - 14	560	560
15 - 24	420	360
25 - 44	655	715
45 - 64	695	740
65 +	300	400

% Distribution, 2011 *

Smithers	BC
100.0	100.0
20.6	15.4
14.4	12.6
25.4	26.3
26.5	30.0
13.0	15.7

** based on published totals, both sexes*

2006 Census Profiles can be found on our Website at http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.asp

3 Selected Census Characteristics

Characteristics	Smithers 2001	Smithers 2006	Smithers % Change	British Columbia % Change	British Columbia 2001	British Columbia 2006
Population	5,414	5,217	- 3.6	5.3	3,907,738	4,113,487
Population (by citizenship)	5,345	5,145	- 3.7	5.3	3,868,875	4,074,385
Non-immigrant	4,660	4,455	- 4.4	2.9	2,821,870	2,904,240
Immigrant	640	635	- 0.8	10.8	1,009,820	1,119,215
Labour force (15+ yrs.)	3,015	2,830	- 6.1	8.1	2,059,950	2,226,380
Employees	2,730	2,495	- 8.6	9.2	1,715,600	1,873,050
Self-employed	240	255	6.3	7.4	291,455	313,000
Participation rate [ppt.=percentage points]	74.8%	71.2%	-3.6 ppt.	0.4 ppt.	65.2%	65.6%
Unemployment rate	9.4%	8.5%	-0.9 ppt.	-2.5 ppt.	8.5%	6.0%
Total population 25 to 64 years	2,820	2,725	- 3.4	6.5	2,144,050	2,284,465
No certificate, diploma or degree	700	455	- 35.0	- 40.1	471,470	282,200
High school certificate or equivalent	655	925	41.2	27.7	462,925	591,275
Apprenticeship/trades certificate or diploma	410	285	- 30.5	- 7.4	295,180	273,450
College, CEGEP or other cert. or diploma	540	445	- 17.6	11.3	401,760	447,005
University certificate, diploma or degree	505	615	21.8	34.7	512,715	690,535
Bachelor's degree	290	305	5.2	23.0	282,800	347,715
Census families	1,460	1,385	- 5.1	6.9	1,086,030	1,161,420
Lone-parent families	285	230	- 19.3	4.0	168,420	175,165
Households	2,090	2,080	- 0.5	7.1	1,534,335	1,643,150
1-family households	1,400	1,345	- 3.9	6.1	1,012,925	1,074,850
Multi-family households	25	20	- 20.0	18.4	35,050	41,510
Non-family households	660	715	8.3	8.3	486,355	526,785
Median Income (2000 & 2005)	$ 25,695	$ 25,884	0.7	12.5	$ 22,095	$ 24,867
Males	$ 38,383	$ 38,378	- 0.0	9.0	$ 28,976	$ 31,598
Females	$ 18,013	$ 20,588	14.3	14.0	$ 17,546	$ 19,997
Median Family Income (2000 & 2005)	$ 62,115	$ 64,460	3.8	20.0	$ 54,840	$ 65,787
Economic Families	1,465	1,380	- 5.8	6.5	1,044,850	1,112,810
2001 Incidence, low income 2006 Prevalence, low income	10.7%	12.7%	2.0 ppt.	-0.6 ppt.	13.9%	13.3%
Unattached persons, 15+	770	835	8.4	4.7	576,825	603,880
Incidence, low income	22.5%	31.0%	8.5 ppt.	-1.4 ppt.	38.1%	36.7%
Population in private hh.	5,295	5,140	- 2.9	5.1	3,785,270	3,978,215
Incidence, low income	11.9%	15.3%	3.4 ppt.	-0.5 ppt.	17.8%	17.3%
Dwellings	2,090	2,080	- 0.5	7.1	1,534,335	1,643,150
Owned	1,400	1,415	1.1	12.5	1,017,485	1,145,045
Rented	690	660	- 4.3	- 3.6	512,360	493,995
Average gross rent	$ 627	$ 567	- 9.6	10.4	$ 750	$ 828
Average owners' payments	$ 867	$ 866	- 0.1	17.1	$ 904	$ 1,059
Avg. value, owned dwel.	$ 148,131	$ 165,489	11.7	81.5	$ 230,645	$ 418,703

Source: Statistics Canada. Notes: incomes are for 2005 and 2000; rent/owner's payments are restricted to non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings.

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4 Labour Force by Industry (NAICS)

Industry	Smithers 2001	Smithers 2006	Smithers % Change	BC % change	% Distribution, 2006 Smithers	% Distribution, 2006 BC
Total labour force	3,015	2,835	- 6.0	8.1	100.0	100.0
Industry - Not applicable	45	75	66.7	- 26.6	2.6	1.5
All industries (Experienced LF)	2,970	2,755	- 7.2	8.9	97.2	98.5
111-112 Farms	10	20	100.0	5.2	0.7	1.8
113 Forestry and logging	60	50	- 16.7	- 10.0	1.8	1.0
114 Fishing, hunting and trapping	-	10	-	1.3	0.4	0.2
1151/2 Support activities for farms	-	10	-	11.3	0.4	0.1
1153 Support activities for forestry	40	35	- 12.5	- 21.5	1.2	0.3
21 Mining and oil and gas extraction	85	180	111.8	42.6	6.3	0.9
22 Utilities	15	25	66.7	- 3.4	0.9	0.5
23 Construction	135	120	- 11.1	39.9	4.2	7.5
31-33 Manufacturing	265	170	- 35.8	- 2.7	6.0	8.5
311 Food manufacturing	15	15	-	3.6	0.5	1.0
321 Wood product manufacturing	210	150	- 28.6	- 16.1	5.3	1.7
322 Paper manufacturing	25	-	- 100.0	- 13.5	-	0.6
41 Wholesale trade	40	65	62.5	11.6	2.3	4.1
44-45 Retail trade	425	320	- 24.7	6.9	11.3	11.2
441 Motor vehicle and parts dealers	85	40	- 52.9	9.0	1.4	1.1
445 Food and beverage stores	100	110	10.0	8.4	3.9	2.9
448 Clothing & clothing accessories	35	35	-	9.2	1.2	1.1
452 General merchandise stores	60	40	- 33.3	6.5	1.4	1.2
48-49 Transportation & warehousing	180	225	25.0	0.6	7.9	5.2
51 Information and cultural industries	75	25	- 66.7	- 5.3	0.9	2.6
52 Finance and insurance	120	60	- 50.0	4.5	2.1	3.8
53 Real estate & rental/leasing	15	80	433.3	22.1	2.8	2.3
54 Prof'sonal, scientific & tech. serv.	210	160	- 23.8	18.6	5.6	7.3
55 Mgment. of companies/ent'prises	-	-	-	126.6	-	0.1
56 Admin+support, waste mgmnt srv.	55	55	-	20.4	1.9	4.4
61 Educational services	200	280	40.0	9.2	9.9	6.9
62 Health care and social assistance	345	235	- 31.9	6.5	8.3	9.6
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	55	65	18.2	11.3	2.3	2.3
72 Accommodation and food services	230	250	8.7	7.7	8.8	8.1
721 Accommodation services	75	70	- 6.7	2.5	2.5	1.7
722 Food services & drinking places	160	175	9.4	9.2	6.2	6.4
81 Other services (excl. public admin.)	130	110	- 15.4	11.8	3.9	4.9
91 Public administration	265	195	- 26.4	- 2.0	6.9	5.0
Special Aggregations: Agriculture, Food and Beverage	35	45	28.6	5.8	1.6	2.9
Special Aggregations: Fishing and Fish Processing	-	10	-	- 3.3	0.4	0.5
Special Aggregations: Logging and Forest Products	335	230	- 31.3	- 14.7	8.1	3.7
Special Aggregations: Mining and Mineral Products	90	180	100.0	17.1	6.3	2.1

Source: Statistics Canada. Industry according to NAICS version used in each census. Unpublished data.

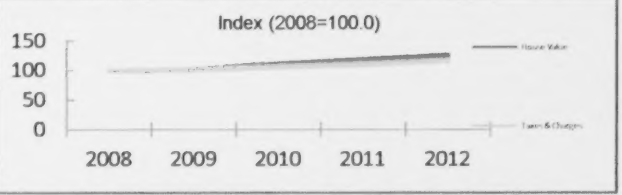
5 Business Locations- Number of Firms by Employment Size Range

	Firms with no employees		Firms with employees		% change	Bulkey-Nech RD			
	Bulkey-Nech RD	BC	Bulkey-Nech F	BC	Bulkey-Nech RD	1 to 19	20 to 49	50-199	200 Plus
2008	1,532	185,879	1,858	175,003	-	1,654	134	56	14
2009	1,416	186,541	1,782	176,124	- 4.1	1,582	135	51	14
2010	1,527	194,349	1,772	175,913	- 0.6	1,584	126	48	14
2011	1,523	195,290	1,779	173,589	0.4	1,580	139	48	12

Source: Business Register, Statistics Canada. In some areas, boundary changes/geocoding changes may cause large changes.

6 Municipal Residential Taxes and Charges on a Representative House

	Smithers House Value		Smithers Taxes & Charges	
Year	$	% change	$	% change
2008	188,588		2,490	
2009	192,149	1.9	2,542	2.1
2010	209,265	8.9	2,646	4.1
2011	223,142	6.6	2,749	3.9
2012	236,629	6.0	2,910	5.8



Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/infra/statistics_index.htm (No RD level figures)

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7 Values of Building Permits

Year	Residential Number of Units Smithers	Residential Number of Units BC	Residential Value $'000 Smithers	Residential Value $'000 BC	Non-Residential Value $'000 Smithers	Non-Residential Value $'000 BC	Total Value $'000 Smithers	Total Value $'000 BC	Year
2007	29	40,932	7,832	8,611,723	6,894	3,932,968	14,726	12,544,691	2007
2008	26	30,110	6,531	6,899,289	1,748	3,677,866	8,279	10,577,155	2008
2009	15	18,607	4,471	4,491,075	3,188	3,138,810	7,659	7,629,885	2009
2010	19	28,984	5,217	6,705,888	12,178	3,017,921	17,395	9,723,809	2010
2011	18	25,745	4,241	6,113,406	4,268	3,136,361	8,509	9,249,767	2011

Source: Statistics Canada

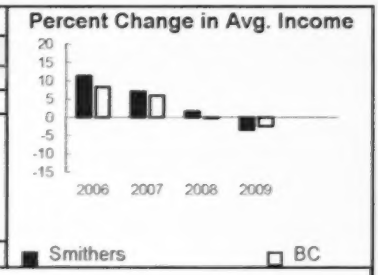
Note: Detailed non-residential permits data can be found on our Website: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca
A dash can indicate a nil report, a value of less than $500, or non-reporting. P indicates 'preliminary'.

8 Personal Taxation Statistics

Total Income of All Returns

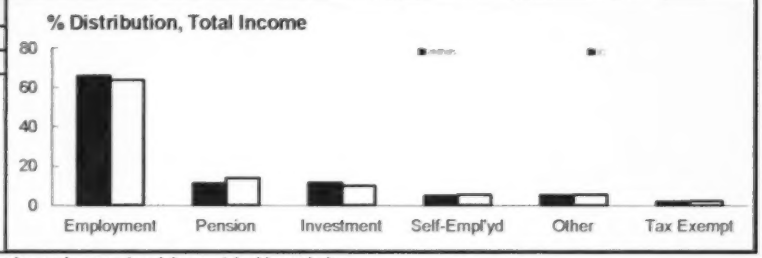
Year	All Returns (number) Smithers	All Returns (number) BC	Average Income ($) Smithers	Average Income ($) BC	% Change avg. income Smithers	% Change avg. income BC
2005	7,320	3,154,090	33,743	35,601	n/a	n/a
2006	7,350	3,165,750	37,541	38,523	11.3	8.2
2007	7,700	3,287,750	40,187	40,802	7.0	5.9
2008	7,730	3,383,640	40,805	40,736	1.5	-0.2
2009	7,590	3,406,860	39,411	39,754	-3.4	-2.4

Taxation data available at :http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/dd/income.asp



Source of Total Income 2009

	Smithers $Thousands	Smithers % of Total	BC % of Total
Employment	196,574	65.7	63.7
Pension	32,944	11.0	13.8
Investment	33,917	11.3	9.8
Self-Employed	14,485	4.8	5.3
Other	15,657	5.2	5.3
Tax Exempt	5,547	1.9	2.0
Total	299,132	100.0	100.0

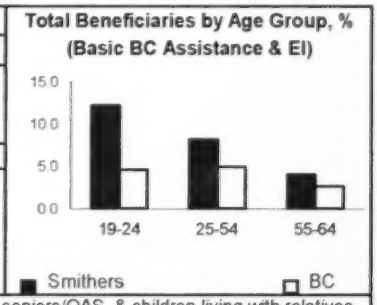


Source : Canada Revenue Agency. Areas are defined by postal codes and may not match municipal boundaries.

9 Dependency on the Safety Net

Percentage of Population by Age Receiving Benefits - September 2009

Age Group	BC Basic* Income Assistance Recipients (%) Smithers	BC Basic* Income Assistance Recipients (%) BC	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (%) Smithers	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (%) BC	Total of BC Basic Income Assistance & EI Beneficiaries (%) Smithers	Total of BC Basic Income Assistance & EI Beneficiaries (%) BC
Under 19	6.4	2.7				
19-24	6.7	2.1	5.7	2.6	12.2	4.6
25-54	3.3	1.9	4.9	3.1	8.2	4.9
55-64	2.2	0.7	1.8	2.0	4.0	2.6
19-64	3.6	1.7	4.5	2.8	8.0	4.4



* On temporary assistance only. Excluded are those on Continuous Assistance, aboriginals living on reserve, seniors/OAS, & children living with relatives.

Source: BC Stats (using administrative files from the BC Ministry of Housing & Social Development, and Human Resources & Social Development Canada)

Note: EI Beneficiareies reports now include regular, fishing and employment benefits, work sharing and support measures. The reports exclude sickness, maternity and parental benefits.

10 Business Formations and Failures

Incorporations

Year	Number Smithers	Number BC
2007	74	34,036
2008	63	30,085
2009	44	26,431
2010	49	30,305
2011	67	30,844

Source: BC Ministry of Finance

Incorporations are counted in municipality of the registered office address which may differ from the actual business location.

Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George Business	Prince George Consumer	Nechako DR Business	Nechako DR Consumer	BC Business	BC Consumer
2005	34	330	n.a.	n.a.	786	8,168
2006	18	188	10	65	585	7,020
2007	18	168	1	51	470	6,651
2008	24	226	8	70	454	7,293
2009	19	315	4	88	380	10,639

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada

Note: Bankruptcy is by urban postal code forward sortation area and is counted where it is filed.